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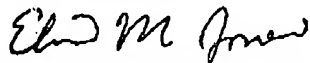
REMARKS—General

By the above amendment, applicants have restored underlining to text in independent claims 1 and 11 to comply with the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

However, this Notice caused applicants some confusion, as the text in question was first introduced as Amendment Under Rule 116 (faxed January 23, 2005). While the text was not entered as a result of that submission, it was resubmitted with the Request for Continued Examination faxed February 12, 2005. Applicants understood by the Office Action mailed March 10, 2005 that the text in question had been entered: "Applicant's submission filed on 2/12/05 has been entered."

Nevertheless, in order to expedite the present application without the need for further proceedings, applicants submit the present amendment in compliance with the Notice mailed July 28, 2005. Applicants respectfully request that the case be so amended to place it in condition for allowance.

Very respectfully,



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